

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. ICR 97/026



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian Jay **DOERKSEN**)
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Application No.: 09/872,390) Group Art Unit: 1764
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Filed: June 1, 2001) Examiner: Alexa A. Doroshenk
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For: **ALTERNATE COKE FURNACE TUBE**)
ARRANGEMENT)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/28/2003

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/28/2003, Applicant submits the following amendments, remarks and declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131, and petition under 37 CFR § 136 for a three-month extension of the time to respond. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks and declaration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

Enclosed with this paper is a Declaration of Brian Jay Doerksen under 37 CFR § 1.131 together with supporting exhibits.

Also enclosed with this paper are:

- three (3) sheets of proposed substitute drawings, together with three (3) sheets of drawings as filed marked in red ink to show proposed changes; and
- a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 5, 2003, which added claims 25-38.

Additionally enclosed with this paper is a petition under 37 CFR § 1.136 for a three month extension of the time to respond, together with a Fee Transmittal form in duplicate authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for the extension, the extra claim fee under 37 CFR § 1.16(j) for new claim 39, and any other fees that may be due to Deposit Account Number 16-1575, ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, Texas.